

BLACK SEA NAVAL REACTION CONTINUES: SILVER FOX OPERATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ARE CONTINUING, AND SOVIET NAVAL REACTIONS ARE CONSIDERED NORMAL. A KOTLIN-CLASS GUIDED-MISSILE DESTROYER CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE TWO U.S. NAVAL UNITS THERE. ON OCTOBER 8, SONAR CONTACTS WERE ACQUIRED ON A DIESEL SUBMARINE BY BOTH SHIPS AND HELD FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, INDICATING THAT SHE WAS PROBABLY INVOLVED IN THE SURVEILLANCE EFFORT. CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF THEIR AIR ACTIVITY FOR THE 6TH AND 7TH INDICATES BETWEEN THREE AND EIGHT AIRCRAFT RESPONDED TO THE OPERATION. ROUTINE LOW-ALTITUDE, SIMULATED STRIKE AND ECM OPERATIONS OVER THE BLACK SEA INVOLVING AT LEAST 19 SOVIET BOMBERS WERE APPARENTLY NOT AFFECTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S. SHIPS. AIR ACTIVITY ON THE 8TH IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SHIPS INVOLVED A MINIMUM OF FIVE LONG RANGE AVIATION TU-22S. SURVEILLANCE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE 11TH, WHEN THE OPERATIONS WILL TERMINATE.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

- TURKISH AID: DEFYING A VETO THREAT, THE SENATE TODAY PASSED A MONEY BILL WITH A 62-16 VOTE SUSPENDING MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.
- FLANIGAN: THE SFRC TODAY UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE CONTROVERSIAL NOMINATION OF PETER FLANIGAN TO BE AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN.
- CUBA: THE HOUSE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REJECTED 22 TO 4, AN AMENDMENT TO LIFT LEGISLATIVE BARRIERS TO A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA. THE COMMITTEE CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT IN LIGHT OF THE MEETING OF THE OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS NEXT MONTH IN ECUADOR.

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THE WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS:

JOHN FIALKA REPORTS THAT CONFUSION OVER THE STATUS OF THE "RUSSIAN GRAIN DEAL" OF 1974 IS LIKELY TO PERSIST UNTIL SOVIET BUYING OFFICIALS AGREE TO REVEAL BEFOREHAND HOW MUCH GRAIN THEY INTEND TO BUY FROM THE U.S. ANDREW BOROWICZ REPORTS THAT ARAB ARE AWAITING YOU ON YOUR LATEST MIDEAST TRIP. THEY FEEL YOUR PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL PEACE MOVES HAVE LOST MOMENTUM. THE VIEW IN THE MIDEAST IS THAT YOU FACE A FEARFUL TWO-FOLD TASK ON THIS MISSION: -- SALVAGING EFFORTS TO RESUME THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

-- PRESERVING YOUR CREDIBILITY WITH THE ARABS AS A PEACEMAKER BEFORE THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN MOROCCO THIS MONTH.

NAVY Review Completed

TAMMY ARBUCKLE QUOTING JAPANESE OFFICIAL SOURCES IN JAPAN STATES THAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY SHORTSIGHTED SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT POLICY, NOT BY ANY DECLINE IN U.S. AID OR U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS. JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING FULL MORAL

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